

HE SUES HYDE UNDERWRITERS

DRESSER WANTS TWO MILLIONS LOST IN "SHIPBUILDING"

By Mercantile Trust Co. Got Him In by False Pretences and Shouldered on to Him Debts Contracted for the Syndicate, McCook as His Counsel Helping.

One of the "James H. Hyde and Associates" underwriting syndicates has been named as a defendant in a suit brought by Daniel J. Dresser in the Supreme Court to recover \$2,000,000 which he alleges was lost by him in the shipbuilding venture as a result of fraudulent practices by the Hyde syndicate and others. The other defendants are the Mercantile Trust Company, Alvin W. Krieb, its vice-president and a director of the Equitable Life; John J. McCook, Charles B. Alexander, Charles C. Denning and William C. Gulliver, co-partners in the law firm of Alexander & Green, counsel for the Mercantile Trust Company, and John W. Young. The complaint was served yesterday.

Mr. Dresser in a statement issued last night says that in the trial of the case he will bring out fully by documentary evidence the operations of the "clique," including the part which the Hyde syndicate played in the deal. He does not mention Mr. Hyde's associates in this underwriting syndicate by name in his complaint, but describes the syndicate as "James H. Hyde, John Doe and Richard Roe."

Mr. Dresser asserts in his complaint, upon information and belief, that the defendants, James H. Hyde and associates, have been and are engaged as a syndicate in the promotion of various corporations and in the sale of the securities thereof, through the Mercantile Trust Company and other corporations over which they have controlling interests through the ownership of stock or by other means. By means of this control the members of the syndicate, the complaint alleges, "are able to obtain for themselves large, fraudulent and secret gains and profits."

He charges Mr. Hyde and the other defendants with having joined together in the promotion of a fraudulent combination of shipbuilding concerns, in the fraudulent forming of a company to take them over at inflated values and in the fraudulent marketing of the securities. He alleges that the defendants, each of them, wilfully and knowingly, with intent to cheat and defraud the plaintiff and the public, made and procured underwritings which were fictitious, fraudulent and of no avail. The underwritings which were obtained by the defendants, Mr. Dresser asserts, were not good financially. Of the \$6,000,000 which Mr. Dresser, according to his own statements, was led to believe had been subscribed on underwritings in France only \$25,000, he says, was ever paid in.

"All the underwriting in excess of that obtained by the plaintiff," he says, "was known to the defendants to be invalid and fraudulent, and was adopted and used by the defendants in furtherance of their fraudulent scheme to obtain moneys from the public."

Among the underwritings which were "false and fraudulent" and were known to be such by the defendants was, Mr. Dresser alleges, \$100,000 purporting to be underwritten by the Mercantile Trust Company. By a secret agreement unknown to the plaintiff, it is alleged, neither this sum nor any sum was to be collected from the Mercantile Trust Company, but the underwriting, it is charged, "was conducted by the said defendants and was by them intended as a fraud and a lure to induce others to underwrite on the faith of the representation and standing of the said defendant Mercantile Trust Company."

The Mercantile Trust Company, he says, induced him, by falsely representing that the French \$6,000,000 was on its way over to this country, to borrow \$3,800,000 on collateral supplied by that company.

All of the representations upon which the loans were made were reiterated to him by John J. McCook when Mr. McCook stood, at his own request, as counsel for Dresser, and when Dresser had been induced to help the Mercantile Trust Company syndicate out with its \$9,000,000 of underwriting, it was McCook who, as his counsel and as counsel to the Trust Company of the Republic, of which Dresser was president, drew up this latter address to the Mercantile Trust Company, and had him sign it.

Mr. McCook, Dresser alleges, told him that it was unnecessary to enter this letter and another of equal importance on the records of the Trust Company of the Republic, but that it would be sufficient if the letters were turned over to the company's counsel, Alexander & Green. Mr. Dresser says he turned them over, relying upon the promises and statements of these gentlemen and upon their standing as members of the bar.

Mr. Dresser alleges that when the notes became due which he had signed on the representations of the Mercantile Trust Company and others the defendants refused to take care of them or to pay any part of them. In meeting the notes he was obliged, he says, to dispose of securities of a marketable value of \$900,000. He asks for the recovery of this amount and also \$350,000 which he invested in the Trust Company of the Republic as a result of representation made to him that the company would profit largely by the underwriting; \$450,000, the value of stock in the American Tubing and Welding Company

HOUSE BUILT IN TWO HOURS

Another Move in War Over Strip of Land at Arverne

Fifteen men armed with shotguns and revolvers guarded last night a two-story house which was thrown up yesterday afternoon on the land near Arverne which is in dispute between Remington Verman and Frank C. Norton. The tract has been in dispute for years. Yesterday the Norton forces got possession.

On April 3 there was a clash between the rival claimants when the Verman forces swooped down on the land unexpectedly and raised nine bungalows which had been erected for the Clinton Park Camp which the Norton people proposed to locate on the land. At that time Mr. Norton was arrested charged with assault. A lawyer named Karlsen accused him of firing a shot at him. Mr. Norton is under bail to answer the accusation.

Yesterday Mr. Norton, William S. Pettit, his attorney and a force of thirty carpenters and twenty helpers and laborers suddenly appeared on the scene. Within a few minutes several trucks drove up bringing the parts of a two-story house. All the parts had been cut and fitted and were ready to be slapped together.

The police were called on by the Vernans to prevent the house being erected and in the absence of the permit from the Bureau of Buildings the police announced the house could not be erected. A messenger was hurried to Long Island City. It was too long to wait for a train, so a fast automobile was pressed into service. At the Building Bureau the permit was found ready. The messenger took it to the Seventy-fifth precinct station, explained the situation to the sergeant and had him call up the sergeant at Far Rockaway.

In two hours the building was up, walled in, roofed, glazed and furnished and twenty bunks and a sink and washbowl. Before nightfall four cars were carried in, also plenty to eat and drink for twelve men. Then the garrison was installed by Mr. Norton. Four men will sleep, four stand guard with shotguns inside the house and four patrol at a sufficient distance on all sides to give warning of any approaching force.

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CAMPAIGN ON "TAINTED" MONEY

Congregational Ministers to Extend Fight Against American Board

Boston, April 26.—A meeting of the committee of twenty ministers who protested against the acceptance of John D. Rockefeller's gift of \$100,000 to the American Board of Foreign Missions was held late this afternoon behind closed doors. Dr. Washington Gladden, the most formidable opponent of the policy of the American Board in its acceptance of "tainted" money, was present at the meeting, the object of which was to formulate a plan of campaign to combat the acceptance of such money by clerical organizations.

It leaked out to-day that the task of the committee is much greater than was at first supposed. It has been learned that the United Methodist Association and a number of educational bodies connected with the Congregationalists have actually solicited gifts from John D. Rockefeller, these solicitations being made about the time the announcement of the gift of \$100,000 was made. The Rev. Dr. Daniel Evans presided at the meeting, and Dr. Barton, secretary of the American Board, presented a paper in defense of the action of the prudential committee.

TAX COLLECTOR A DEFULATOR

Man Who Robbed Prince Last Year Got Another Chance and Used It Freely

San Francisco, April 26.—Tax collector Edward J. Smith, who was originally appointed by Mayor Schmitz and has held office for nearly two terms, is a defaulter. It is known he has taken \$39,113, and an examination of his accounts has already increased the shortage to \$70,000. It is believed it will reach \$200,000. Last year Smith was behind in his accounts \$150,000, and his brother, James B. Smith, made the shortage good, and the Mayor condoned the offense. Another brother was then put into the office as deputy to keep close watch on the collector. His vigilance was unwritten. The collector took two checks from the Southern Pacific company and then noted in the books that the railroad company was delinquent. Smith received this money last Friday and departed on a vacation to Los Angeles. It is believed he has made his way to Honolulu.

Smith had been playing the races and spending money in Tendorlin resorts. When he left the city a woman who had been his favorite in the Tendorlin account had been insured in the National Surety Company of New York for \$100,000.

TWO MORE POLICY INDICTMENTS

Warfare Against the Alleged Sharks Continues in Brooklyn

The active warfare against the policy sharks in Brooklyn was continued yesterday by the arrest of Lawrence Ropp of 228 Soboles street and Leo Roach of 846 Knickerbocker avenue on indictments charging them with complicity in the business. They were arraigned before Judge Aspinall in the County Court and placed under \$5,000 pending trial.

Both prisoners were nabbed in a raid on a policy den at 2 Vandervoort place on April 17 and had been released in \$500 bail. It was at this place that a printing press supposed to be used in striking oil policy slips was captured. Additional indictments were submitted yesterday, and other policy men may be arrested to-day.

RADICAL PUBLIC SERVICE LAW

GAS COMMITTEE PROPOSES TO FORBID STOCKHOLDING

By One Company in Others in the Same Region—Bill Affects Railroads, Too—Would Enlarge State Railroad Commission into Public Service Commission

One of the bills which will be submitted to the Legislature by the Lighting Investigation Committee will provide that in the case of public service corporations one company cannot hold stock in another company engaged in a similar business in the same region. This would affect not only the several lighting companies of this city which are controlled by the Consolidated Gas Company, but also the transportation companies. The Metropolitan system now owns a majority of the stock in all the surface lines of the city, while the Interborough company has secured the controlling interest in the elevated system. Should the bill become a law and have any retroactive effect the opinion held last night by some of the members of the committee was that the companies will either have to consolidate under one corporation or will have to arrange in some way for continuing business as independent companies.

This bill will also provide for State control of the public service corporations, and it is proposed to bring this about by transforming the State Railroad Commission into a public service commission, with full power of supervision over all companies doing public service. To this end it is intended to increase the membership of the present board to give it authority to regulate prices within certain limits, to hear complaints and to pass upon them, to enforce the laws which the committee hopes to have adopted by the Legislature for the regulation of the companies and to grant applications for new franchises from public service corporations, subject to the consent of the local authorities.

Senator Stevens and Charles E. Hughes, the counsel to the committee, have finished summarizing the testimony taken by the committee, and the latter will meet in the Fifth Avenue Hotel at 9 o'clock this morning to prepare its report. The prices for gas and for electricity which the committee will advise the Legislature to fix have not been agreed on, but they will be reduced prices.

The committee will report favorably on the establishment of a municipal plant for lighting of the streets and public buildings. Senator Stevens said last night that as the bills which will be recommended by the committee will be general bills they will not, should they be passed, come to the Mayor for his approval or rejection.

BIOWELOW'S STEALINGS GROW

Shorthand Man Rescues \$2,500,000—Funds of Estates He Controlled Missing

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 26.—Frank G. Bielow's shortage will go up to \$2,500,000, or a million more than was first supposed when it was announced he had looted the First National Bank. Besides his thefts in the bank, he has numerous other deals on his hands. To-night it was discovered that there is a shortage in the estate of which Bielow is trustee without bonds. The estate is valued at \$1,000,000. Bielow admits he is \$100,000 short in its funds, but the amount may be much more. J. C. Broadhead of Kingston, N. Y., came here to-night to look after his father's estate.

F. C. Whitney, former secretary to the late Postmaster-General Payne, also arrived to-night to look after Mr. Payne's interests. Bielow is trustee in the estate, which is valued at \$1,000,000. So far as can be learned the estate is intact. George P. Miller is a joint trustee.

In both cases Bielow was appointed because he was a friend of the dead men who in their will placed so much confidence in him that he was not required to furnish bonds. Bielow held numerous other trusts. That Bielow entirely exhausted his credit here began to look the bank is now becoming known. Banks in New York, Chicago, St. Louis and Milwaukee are his creditors, but all hold securities. Half a dozen local institutions gave him \$50,000 each. In New York he got \$50,000 from the National City and \$50,000 each from the National City and National Bank of Commerce. All hold his security. In addition to this, he borrowed money from his friends, giving his personal notes.

WOMAN IN AUTO FAINTED

Alleged Threats Before Speed Arrest of Engineer Hackenberger

Bicycle Policeman Rescuer of the Tenderloin station timed a small automobile from Twenty-third street to Twentieth street on Fifth avenue last evening, and called upon the driver to stop. The auto driver exclaimed: "Get away, or I'll turn the auto into you!" The policeman responded that some one would be shot first, and at this point a woman who accompanied the driver threw up both hands and fainted. The machine was brought to a stop at Fifth avenue and Sixteenth street.

The driver said he was William Hackenberger, an engineer, of 228 West Sixteenth street. The woman with him was his wife. She was revived and taken home, and Hackenberger was then escorted to the station house. He was released on bail.

ORDER FOR BEAVERS

His Summons to Washington for Trial Received in Brooklyn

The order of the United States Supreme Court directing the removal of George W. Beavers, ex-chief of the division of agriculture in the Post office Department, Washington, D. C., to that city for trial on the indictment against him by the United States court at Brooklyn, Beavers, who has been out on bail ever since he became involved in the postal scandal, left for Washington last night. Beavers agreed last night to appear before Judge Thomas in the Federal Court on Friday. He will then be turned over to a United States marshal, who will take him to Washington for trial.

GEHARDT AUTO BLOWS UP

Wreckage Catches Fire and Is Consumed—Machine Cost \$10,000

Frederic Gehardt's big touring car, the White Ghost, was blown up and the wreckage destroyed by fire on the Hudson County Boulevard in West New York, N. J., early yesterday morning. Something went wrong with the machinery while it was going at a fast clip, and Van Allen, the driver, was hurt. The wooden work and cushions caught fire and nothing remained of the car but a tangled mass of metal work. The White Ghost was a 20 horse-power machine. Mr. Gehardt, it is said, paid \$10,000 for it.

CANADIANS VERSUS COPS

Lively Tussle in Sleeping Car at Grand Central—M. P. Won't Be on Time

One of the sleeping cars on the Adirondack and Montreal Express, scheduled to leave the Grand Central Station at 7 P. M., was the scene last evening of a lively tussle between three muscular Canadians and five policemen of the Grand Central police station. There were many women in the car, but the policemen kept the battlefield within a small compass and subdued the passengers with no harm to any one.

At the East Fifty-first street police station the Canadians described themselves as Grant Nordén, 27 years old, furniture dealer of Montreal; Hon. William Gallagher, 37 years old, lawyer of Ottawa, and James McDonald, 41 years old, contractor of Montreal. McDonald had on a broad sombrero, was over six feet tall and was called "Big Jim" by the others.

A complaint of disorderly conduct was entered against them by Night Stationmaster Eugene Odell. He said that the Canadians made a disturbance in the station and in the car, making things unbearable for the women and children.

The Canadians sent for Thomas M. Hilliard of the Waldorf and were bailed by him after an hour's confinement. They will be arraigned this morning. A member of the committee said that Gallagher was a member of Parliament and that it was necessary for him to be in Canada to attend a session to-morrow.

CREW OF GALVESTON MUTINIOUS

Planned to Kill Commander Cutler Publicly—Many in Irons or Deserters

GALVESTON, Tex., April 26.—Sixty members of the crew of the cruiser Galveston are in irons, forty are confined in the brig and thirty have deserted. Commander William L. Cutler's alleged tyrannical manner is said to be the basis for the trouble.

Officers say the crew planned to kill the commander publicly when they lined up for parade to receive the silver service presented by the citizens of Galveston. The plot was discovered, and amid scenes of great confusion the ring leaders were seized and manacled.

The deserters are parading the streets, many of them drunk. The local police are not able to control them. This is the first voyage of the cruiser. It is said the trouble has been in progress aboard ever since she left Hampton Roads. Plans made here for the entertainment of the officers and the men have been declared off.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—As far as can be learned, the Navy Department has received no report of the trouble on board the cruiser Galveston.

TO MOVE CHURCH BUILDING

Bloomingdale Trustees Sell Broadway Site—To Go Further Uptown

The trustees of the Bloomingdale Dutch Reformed Church have decided a real estate deal, in accordance with the terms of which the church building at the northeast corner of Broadway and Sixty-eighth street is to be taken down and rebuilt on a new site nearly two miles further uptown. The present site, containing about five lots, has been sold to Franklin Pettit, a realty operator, who gives in part payment five lots on West End avenue, adjoining the northwestern corner of 106th street, facing Sylvan Square.

The church was erected about twenty years ago. The site has risen greatly in value in the last few years. It will probably be resold for improvement with a big apartment hotel. The congregation of the Bloomingdale Dutch Reformed Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1906. Its pastor is Dr. William C. Sitson.

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To Fight Sunday Baseball

District Attorney Clarke of Brooklyn Has Caused Application to Be Made to Magistrate O'Reilly of the Adams street court for warrants for the arrest of some of the players and others interested in the baseball game between the Brooklyn and Boston clubs at Washington Park last Sunday. It is understood that the testimony on which the complaint was drawn was furnished by the Kings County Sabbath Observance Association.

RUSSIANS OFF KAMRANH BAY.

CRUISING IN THE VICINITY TO AWAIT THIRD SQUADRON.

"The Sun" Correspondent Locates Rojevsky's Fleet—Cable to Hainan Reported Cut by Russian Agents—Japan Puts All Forces Under Martial Law.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

From THE SUN Correspondent.

KAMRANH BAY, via Saigon, April 26.—Your correspondent went outside in a junk to-day and saw the Baltic fleet cruising on the horizon. Four converted cruisers and a torpedo boat destroyer are coaling inside the bay from German coalliers.

The French steamer Quanganqam has arrived here with stores for the fleet. It is believed that she will proceed to Hongkong or Singapore to replenish her supplies.

It is reported that the Russians captured on Tuesday two German steamers that were carrying contraband to the Japanese.

HAINAN CABLE CUT.

Russians Charged With Act to Keep Fleet's Movements Secret.

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LONDON, April 27.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Hongkong says that the cable to the Island of Hainan has been cut, it is supposed by Russian agents. A high Government official of Hongkong is of the opinion that Great Britain cannot afford to permit the Baltic fleet to longer violate neutrality at Hainan.

The Tokyo correspondent of the Telegraph says there is considerable uncertainty concerning the whereabouts of the Baltic fleet, but the Japanese preparations to receive it are complete. It will be found that Admiral Togo is in an excellent strategic position to deal with the enemy whichever way he comes.

PENANG, Straits Settlements, April 26.—The third Baltic squadron is expected to reach here at any hour on its way through the Strait of Malacca.

TOKIO, April 26.—The Privy Council has proclaimed martial law for the whole of the island of Formosa.

KIACHAU, April 26.—The Russian naval officers who are interned at this port hear that Admiral Rojevsky's fleet, after it left Kamranch Bay, steamed in a southerly direction.

PARIS, April 26.—A St. Petersburg despatch to the Matin says that the Russian Admiralty has received news from Admiral Rojevsky, who announces that he has been able to communicate with Admiral Niebogoff. He will meet Niebogoff, he says, off Batavia, and thence the united fleets will sail for Vladivostok by way of the Strait of Formosa.

A despatch from Saigon says that a steamship from Pulo Condore Island met on Monday, off Cape Bala, fifty miles north-east of Saigon, a Russian squadron of nine warships.

RUSSIANS FALL BACK WITH LOSS.

Reconnaissance in the Kaiyuan Region Has Poor Result.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

TOKIO, April 26.—A bulletin issued at army headquarters to-day relates that the Russians on Monday attempted a large reconnaissance, three columns advancing south along the three highways leading to the Kaiyuan region (thirty miles north of Tientsin), which is occupied by the Japanese left wing.

Two of the columns consisted each of 3,000 infantry, 800 cavalry and a battery of artillery. The third, which was the rearm column, consisted of 1,500 Cossacks. The entire force covered a front of thirty miles, east and west.

The principal fight occurred on the Tundun road, where the eastern column drove in the Japanese cavalry outposts.

In following up their advantage the Russians encountered an ambush of infantry. A sharp fight ensued and the Russians were driven back beyond Mien-huashan, leaving 200 dead on the field. Upon the defeat of the eastern column the two other columns retired simultaneously.

The loss of the Russians was excessive for a mere reconnaissance and points to lack of skill on the part of their officers. The Japanese casualties numbered only thirty-eight, including officers.

The railroad bridge across the Hun River, which was destroyed by the Russians after the battle of Mukden, has been restored and trains are now running between Dabai and Telling.

PETERSBURG, April 26.—Gen. Likhachov reports as follows:

"Our outposts on April 22 forced the enemy to evacuate successfully Nanchensu and Nemanpomeng. The Japanese occupied a fortified position south of Nemanpomeng. The appearance of a detachment of artillery opposite their left flank forced the Japanese to retire in haste upon Kaiyuan-hsien. On April 23 we forced the enemy to retire from Kaiyuanhsien. Beating the enemy back, we approached Changtufu; but as the town was found to be occupied in considerable force we retired."

Powder Ship Puts Back to Port.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MANILA, April 26.—The British steamship Carlisle, laden with powder and ammunition for Vladivostok, sailed at sunset, but returned to-night and reanchored beyond the breakwater. She has twice attempted to proceed to her destination. This time nine of her crew refused to work. Her captain is reorganizing his men, and she will sail again to-morrow.

Central Bank Ship Gets Coal.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PORT LOUIS, April 26.—The German steamship Juliette, which arrived here on April 19 and was not allowed to coal by the authorities because it was believed that she was carrying contraband, has been allowed to take on 600 tons and will sail for Saigon to-morrow. Half of the crew were British and refused to continue the voyage.

New Russian Loan to Be Flouted.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, April 26.—The financial newspapers state that another Russian loan is being negotiated in Germany. It is proposed to borrow \$50,000,000 upon nine months treasury bills at 5 per cent. for the purpose of building up Russia's balances abroad.

BEVERLY PORT WINE AND GRAPE JUICE

Canal be credited for the stock.

After all, CHERNOB, the Scotch that made the highest honor. It is the best—A.D.

WANT SUPT. MAXWELL PUT OUT.

North Side Board of Trade Holds That There's Too Much Manual Training.

The removal of Superintendent of Schools Maxwell was demanded by the North Side Board of Trade in a resolution adopted last evening.

This action was taken upon presentation of a report from the committee on education, to the effect that there is no hope of a reduction in the time devoted to manual training and domestic science as long as Mr. Maxwell holds office. The board thinks too much attention is given to these branches.

MILLIONAIRE IN A CELL.

James R. Laughlin of Pittsburgh Arrested as a Burglar in His Own Home.

PITTSBURGH, April 26.—James R. Laughlin, treasurer of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, was entering his house at Neville and Cranberry streets at 3:30 o'clock this morning, when he was arrested as a burglar. Despite his protests, he was sent to the police station and thrown into a cell.

He was not allowed to telephone to his home, and spent the time until he was arraigned in court killing cockroaches. After he was released he demanded the discharge of Officer Himlinger, who had arrested him. This was done. Mr. Laughlin is worth at least \$3,000,000.

KINGDON GOLD HURT AT POLO.

His Bruised Face Starts a Report at Columbia That He'd Been Hazed.

The appearance of Kingdon Gould, who is a Columbia freshman, at college yesterday with a gash over one eye and a bruised face led to rumors that the young man had been hazed by some of the sophomores. "What the matter with your face?" said a college reporter. "Hurt it playing polo." "Sure you weren't hazed?" "Yes. Sure. Good-day."

BANK ROBBER SHOT DEAD.

Plucky Teller Badly Injured, but Saves the Bank's Funds.

LANCASTER, Ont., April 26.—An attempt was made to rob the Merchants' Bank here this morning. Four robbers with drawn revolvers stood over the head of Herman von Metzke, teller, who slept in a rear room, but not before he had twisted around, seized his revolver from under a pillow and shot one burglar in the abdomen. The corpse was found on the station platform, a hundred yards away, and is unidentified.

The teller has nine scalp wounds and is in a precarious condition. His pluck saved the bank much money.